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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
SUBJECT: NSC Paper on MX

1. A paragraph was inserted in the NSC paper on MX (page 5, last paragraph) on US responses to Soviet threats, that I believe has a few overly optimistic statements in it. The paragraph was represented by Air Force to NSC staff as having been okayed by me, but in fact it was not. I believe this error was more a misunderstanding than a deliberate attempt to misrepresent, since I had been in contact with the Air Force authors, but was unaware that they were proposing to insert it in the NSC paper.

2. In any case, I called some changes in to the NSC staff (modification attached) and informed the Air Force, so that if the issue in this paragraph comes up, the intelligence view is known. Relative to the MX issues being decided, I doubt that the subtleties of my changes are of concern, but I set the record straight just in case someone wants to discuss the judgments in the paragraph.



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